



## ***BETTER ENGLISH STUDENT TEACHERS (BEST)***

***January 7-12, 2013***

***Student Application***

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The United States Embassy is recruiting TEFL-major university students for a one-week English immersion camp January 7-12, 2013. The third “Better English Student Teachers” (BEST) camp is a continuing initiative that the U.S. Embassy offers to students, age 18-30 years old, majoring in English for secondary education who are in their last two years of university. The objective of this program is to provide an in-country total immersion English course experience where participants will be exposed to accurate English in authentic contexts and where they will communicate with one another only in English, thus enhancing their language skills for real-world interactions. In addition, participants will learn about different aspects of American culture in order to develop a better understanding of the United States and its people. In the short term, participants will gain confidence in their ability to use English for their academic preparation before graduation and, in the long term, they will be better equipped to communicate in English language teaching settings.

**PROGRAM DATES: January 7-12, 2013**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 3, 2012**

Applications are available at the U.S. Embassy web site:

[http://nicaragua.usembassy.gov/pas\\_best\\_summer\\_camp\\_2013.html](http://nicaragua.usembassy.gov/pas_best_summer_camp_2013.html)

Please submit application to: [ManaguaEnglishCamps@state.gov](mailto:ManaguaEnglishCamps@state.gov)

For questions about the program, please contact: [ChavarriaLM@state.gov](mailto:ChavarriaLM@state.gov)

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- TEFL university student in their last two years
- 18-30 years old
- Intermediate to advance level of English
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 70

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

BEST participants will be selected through an open, merit-based competition. The U.S. Embassy will review all eligible applications and a committee will make the final selection of participants. Applicants will be notified of selection to the camp by December 14, 2012.

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED.** Please present documents with application in the following order:

1. Confirmation of enrollment in an undergraduate TEFL degree program at a university.
2. Copy of transcripts from the last two years of university.
3. Letter of recommendation from one college teacher.
4. Copy of cedula.

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### **1. PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Name (As official Documents): \_\_\_\_\_  
(First Name) (Middle Name) (Family Name)

Cedula number: \_\_\_\_\_ **Please add a copy of your cedula to this application.**

Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone2: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Email1: \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact/Alternate telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Have you visited the U.S.? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in any program sponsored by the U.S. Embassy? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please specify which program and date:

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES:** Please tell us what activities you have pursued to grow as a future English language teacher, your current contribution to English education and your future potential activities. For example, list professional organizations of which you are a member, professional conferences you have attended or any relevant work in your community. Please emphasize your collaborative and leadership activities.

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**3. FORMAL STUDY OF ENGLISH:** Please provide the following information regarding your study of English.

INSTITUTION		DATES From - To		HOURS PER WEEK

**4. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** *Why do you wish to participate in the BEST Camp?*

The statement of purpose is a very important part of your application and will be read closely by members of the selection committee. Your response gives the selection committee an opportunity to understand you better as a person and to appreciate the value of your ideas, goals, and reasons for applying to the program. This section of the application is the only opportunity that you have in this stage of the competition to provide a picture of yourself that goes deeper than a simple list highlighting your experience, education, and accomplishments.

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I certify that I completed this application myself, without any aid or assistance and that the information given in this application is complete and accurate. I understand that the US embassy reserves the right to verify all the information listed in the application. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application will result in exclusion from the competition or immediate dismissal from the BEST program.

NAME/SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_